SALTBURN & MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1969 ANNUAL REPORT

by the

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Public Health Department,
Hall Close,
Marske-by-the-Sea,
Redcar,
Teesside.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1969

To the Chairman and Members of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1969.

The health of the area is satisfactory and is comparable with that of the country as a whole.

I should like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support throughout the year and also to thank the Council's officers and especially Mr. N. R. Darling for their help and co-operation.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
P. S. R. BURRELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in Acres)	4,082
Population (Registrar General's Estimate for mid-1968)	17.820
Number of inhabited houses	6,121
Rateable Value	£427,400
Product of a Penny Rate	£2,300

TABLE I

VITAL STATISTICS

	Saltburn & Marske U.D.C. Male	Female	Total	England & Wales Total
Live Births:				
Legitimate	169	177	346	730,500
Illegitimate	5	7	12	67,042
Total	174	184	358	797,542
Still Births:				
Legitimate	3	2	5	9,555
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,107
Total	3	2	5	10,662
Total Live and Still Births:				
Legitimate	172	179	351	740,055
Illegitimate	5	7	12	68.149
Total	177	186	363	808,204
Deaths of infants under 1 year:				
Legitimate	5	2	7	12,694
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,703
Total	5	2	7	14,397
Under 4 weeks:				
Legitimate	3	1	4	8,494
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,109
Total	3	1	4	9,603
Under 1 week:				
Legitimate	3	1	4	7,266
Illegitimate	0	0	0	966
Total	3	1	4	8,232
Deaths, all ages	106	74	180	579,463

TABLE II

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES, etc.

	Saltburn & Marske	England & Wales
LIVE BIRTH RATES, etc.		
Live births per 1,000 population (crude rate)	20.1	16.3
Area Comparability Factor	0.90	1.0
Adjusted Rate (Saltburn & Marske)	18.1	16.3
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.11	1.0
Illegitimate Rate as percentage of all live births	3	8
Still births Rate (1,000 total live & still births)	14	13
Infant Mortality Rate		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	20	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	20	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—	25
Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	11	12
Early neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	11	10
Perinatal mortality rate Still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live and still births	25	23
DEATH RATES		
Deaths per 1,000 population (crude rate)	10.1	11.9
Area comparability factor	1.33	1.00
Adjusted rate (Saltburn & Marske)	13.4	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.13	1.00

TABLE III

Deaths by Age Groups:

Under 4 weeks	4	35 years — 44 years	7
4 weeks — 1 year	3	45 years — 54 years	19
1 year — 4 years	2	55 years — 64 years	27
5 years — 14 years	—	65 years — 75years	43
15 years — 24 years	4	75 years and over	71
25 years — 34 years	—		
		Total	180

TABLE IV

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

		Male	Female	Total
B18	Other infective and parasitic Diseases ...	—	1	1
B19(3)	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	4	2	6
B19(4)	Malignant neoplasm, Intestine	1	4	5
B19(6)	Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	9	2	11
B19(7)	Malignant neoplasm, Breast	—	5	5
B19(8)	Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
B19(9)	Malignant neoplasm, Prostrate ...	1	—	1
B19(11)	Other malignant	9	1	10
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	—	1
B46(3)	Mental disorders	—	1	1
B24	Meningitis	1	—	1
B46(4)	Other diseases of nervous system ...	1	1	2
B26	Chronic rheumatic heart disease ...	2	—	2
B28	Ischaemic heart disease	25	23	48
B29	Other forms of heart disease	4	2	6
B30	Cerebrovascular disease	17	14	31
B46(5)	Other diseases of circulatory system ..	2	1	3
B31	Influenza	1	—	1
B32	Pneumonia	6	7	13
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	2	9
B34	Peptic Ulcer	1	—	1
B46(7)	Other diseases of digestive systems ...	—	1	1
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
B39	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
B46(8)	Other diseases, genito-urinary system ...	1	—	1
B43	Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ..	1	—	1
B44	Other causes of perinatal mortality ...	2	1	3
B45	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ..	1	1	2
BE47	Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
BE48	All other accidents	5	2	7
BE49	Suicide and self inflicted injuries ..	1	—	1
BE50	All other external causes	—	2	2
Total — All Causes	... ...	106	74	180

SALTBURN AND MARSKE

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1969 Population 17,820	1968 Population 16,820	1967 Population 15,630	1966 Population 14,720
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0	0	0	0
Measles	29	216	102	101
Whooping Cough ...	0	0	1	10
Meningococcal Infection ...	0	0	0	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis ...	0	0	0	0
Acute Encephalitis ...	0	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	1	0	4	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	0	0	0	0
Opthalmia Neonatorum ...	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0	1
Dysentery	110	1	1	0
Infective Jaundice	11	0	0	0

NOTIFICATIONS OF RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS, 1969

Male Age Groups							Female Age Groups							
0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	Total
—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMMENTARY

Population

The population of the Urban District has again increased according to the Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population. In 1969 the population was estimated at 16,820 and the corresponding figure for 1970 is 17,820, an increase of exactly 1,000 as compared with 1,190 in the previous twelve months. The birth rate when adjusted for differences in population was 18.1 compared with a rate of 16.3 for England and Wales. The birth rate in the District is therefore 11% higher than the national rate.

The death rate when adjusted for population differences was 13.4 compared with 11.9 for England and Wales. The illegitimacy rate was 3% compared with 8% for England and Wales. The remaining vital statistics are comparable with the national figures.

Infectious Diseases

It will be noted that there were 110 cases of dysentery in 1969. These were almost entirely confined to a single outbreak at a school in Marske. Extensive investigations were made but as frequently happens in this disease no common source could be discovered. Suitable steps were taken to try to limit any further spread of the disease and there has been no recurrence of the outbreak.

There was one case of pulmonary tuberculosis during the twelve months.

Eleven cases of infective hepatitis were notified. This condition was not notifiable before September, 1968 so that figures for previous years are not available.

Immunization

In addition to diphtheria tetanus whooping cough and poliomyelitis immunization which have been offered as routine for a number of years now, measles vaccination is now available and is offered routinely to infants at the age of 14 months. Measles is often regarded as a minor disease of little importance except as a nuisance and it is not generally realized that severe complications can occur and that in recent years in this country there have been up to 50 deaths each year from measles and its complications. The advent of an effective vaccine is to be welcomed and it is to be hoped that measles vaccination will come to be generally accepted.

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels service continues to operate in Saltburn and in Marske through the W.R.V.S. A grant is made by the Council to this service which is a most valuable one. Proper nutrition is a most important factor in maintaining the health of the Elderly and one which is all too prone to be neglected especially among the house bound.

Food Hygiene

Standards of food hygiene are reasonably satisfactory. Occasional complaints are received and these are investigated and appropriate action taken.

Water Supply

The whole of the area is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. The supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity and samples taken during the year have proved satisfactory. I am informed by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board that the natural fluoride content of the Lockwood and Scaling Reservoirs which supply the area is of the order of 0.1 to 0.3 parts per million. These figures are much below the figure of 1 p.p.m. recommended by Dental Authorities.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	60	67	6
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6	6	—
TOTAL	66	73	6

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	2	2
(a) Insufficient	2	2
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1
TOTAL	7	7

CLINIC FACILITIES IN THE AREA

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Monday and Friday at 1-30 p.m. (This Clinic is staffed by the Regional Hospital Board).

CHILD WELFARE SESSIONS:

Marske Clinic. Mondays at 2 p.m.

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 9-30 a.m.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Wednesdays at 10-30 a.m.

IMMUNIZATIONS SESSIONS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Marske Clinic. Mondays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

OPTHALMIC CLINICS:

The Clinic, Hall Close, Marske. By appointment.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS:

The Clinic, 5 Turner Street, Redcar. Second Tuesday in each month at 10-30 a.m. By appointment.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Tuesday at 7-00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1969

N. R. DARLING, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Certified Meat Inspector

To the Chairman and Members of the Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my twenty-third annual report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1969.

The staff of the department consists of an Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. F. A. J. Cross, one full-time Shorthand Typist/Clerk and a full-time Rodent Operator.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF FOOD

Regular inspections have been made of cafes, hotel kitchens, ice cream premises, food shops, stalls and vehicles for the purpose of enforcing the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1960 and Bye-Laws.

During the year, 64 warnings were given in respect of breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following articles of food, other than fresh meat, were surrendered to me during the year and classified as unfit for human consumption:—

Tinned Goods	48 lbs.
Fish	—
Frozen Goods	101 lbs.
Total	149 lbs.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

At the beginning of the year there was one licensed slaughterhouse in the district and one hundred per cent meat inspection was carried out following slaughter. During the year 263 visits were made and the carcasses and organs of 654 animals were inspected. The total weight of meat classified as unfit for human consumption was 4 cwt.

Slaughter of Animals Regulations — No contraventions of the Regulations were found during the year.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or Part:

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	120	—	—	534	—	—
Number Inspected	120	—	—	534	—	—
All Diseases (except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci) Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned ...	44	—	—	39	—	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	36.66	—	—	7.3	—	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole Carcasses Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticerosis	—	—	—	—	—	—

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

	lbs.
Cirrhosis	210
Pneumonia	4
Parasitic Affection	144
Abcesses	90
Total	448 lbs. — 4 cwt.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Certificates of Registration have been granted under Section 16 of the above Act for the sale of ice-cream and the manufacture of sausage, etc.

Sale of Ice Cream	63
Manufacture of Pickled, Pressed or Preserved Food and Sausage, including Fried Fish Shops	15

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Two licences to Slaughter Animals were renewed during the year.

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

An Order is in force prohibiting the sale of shellfish collected on the foreshore for human consumption and notices are exhibited on the approaches to the area where the shellfish are found.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1961

At the end of 1969 there were 60 factories on the register of the Local Authority. During the year, 73 visits were made to the premises and 6 notices were served in respect of breaches of the Regulations with regard to cleanliness and sanitary conveniences.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Herewith is a tabulated statement of the inspection made during the twelve months under review:

Total Number of inspections	2,195
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Found ..	496
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Abated ...	496
Total Number of Informal Notices	105
Total Number of Informal Notices Complied With ...	105
Total Number of Informal Notices Outstanding ...	Nil
Total Number of Statutory Notices	4

LISTS OF DEFECTS

Defective or no proper drainage	8
Dirty Yard	3
Defective or absence of eavesgutter	4
Defective chimney	5
Accumulation of refuse	6
Unsatisfactory Water Supply	4
Nuisances	5
Blocked Drain	4
Damp Walls (Internal)	89
Breach of Tenacy	7
Absence of Bathroom	4
Absence of Bath	5
Absence of Wash-hand basin	4
Absence of hot water supply	11
Absence of water closet in dwelling	5
Absence of ventilated food store	2
Dilapidated structures	3
Defective water closet basin	6
Breach of Food Hygiene Regulations	38
Breach of Factories Act	4
Dangerous Staircase	7
Defective door	10
Defective waste pipe	2
Defective soil pipe	3
Defective or perished wall plaster	18
Defective windows or window frames ...	94
Perished pointing	18
Lack of ventilation	3
Defective roof	19
Defective rendering	1
Insufficient water supply	11
Defective ceiling	31
Defective floors	9
Absence of or defective downpipe	2
Broken step	3
Breach of Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	50
Defective Walls	2
Untidy Garden	2
Defective Firebacks	3
Absence of or defective weatherboard	1
	506

LICENSED PREMISES

Visits have been made to all licensed premises in the area for the purpose of checking sanitary accommodation, washing facilities and general conditions under the Food and Drugs Act and Food Hygiene Regulations.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are two licensed sites in the area, the larger being under the control of the Local Authority and having accommodation for 525 caravans. There is a small private site which has accommodation for four caravans.

The sites are provided with washing facilities, piped water supply, waste water drainage, and water closets.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 181, this total being made up of 29 offices, 120 retail shops and 32 catering establishments open to the public. The total number of persons employed at these premises was 701. A total of 111 visits were made by Inspectors to registered premises.

The majority of premises comply with the regulations, the only breaches of the regulations found were of minor items such as thermometers, insufficient first aid boxes and lighting and ventilation to water closets.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council employs a full-time Rodent Operator and herewith is a tabulated statement of the work carried out during the year. These services are provided free to householders and a charge is made to business premises.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	(5)
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	15	5800	1000	6815	30
2. No. of Properties inspected as a result of notification.	1	190	48	238	1
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	1	94	42	136	1
House Mouse—Minor	—	71	15	86	—
3. No. of Properties inspected in course of Survey under the Act	15	92	59	166	25
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	7	15	12	34	2
House Mouse—Minor	1	6	8	15	1
4. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections.	118	319	255	692	25
5. No. of Infested Properties (in Sections 2 and 3) treated by Local Authority.	4	182	48	221	1

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council are members of the National Society for Clean Air and the Teesside Clean Air Committee.

Two deposit gauges are in use in the area, one being sited at Marske-by-the-Sea in the playing field of the Junior School, Windy Hill Lane, by kind permission of the Secretary for Education and one in the Police Station grounds at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

The tables show the results for the twelve months together with wind records for the period.

Two volumetric gauges are in use, one at 30 Vicarage Drive, Marske-by-the-Sea and one at the Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea. In addition to smoke readings, sulphur dioxide readings are taken on the machine at Saltburn.

During the year a mobile exhibition organised by the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation was in the area and the attendance was satisfactory.

SMOKE CONTROL ORDER — CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

THE SALTBURN AND MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA No. 1 (WESTERN MARSKE AND NEW MARSKE) SMOKE CONTROL ORDER 1969

This Order was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for confirmation on 8th December, 1969. The total number of houses in the area was 584. This area included all undeveloped land where future development was likely to take place.

MARSKE GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.3	3.35	1.38	0.34
February	5.9	9.85	1.88	1.04
March	5.9	3.47	1.43	0.90
April	6.0	4.68	1.43	1.21
May	4.6	5.51	2.43	1.00
June	5.3	2.94	1.65	0.30
July	5.4	5.21	0.30	1.34
August	5.9	1.80	1.19	0.35
September	5.6	6.15	1.55	0.85
October	5.3	8.68	0.42	0.47
November	5.6	8.08	3.34	1.20
December	5.0	9.35	2.16	0.73
Average	5.5	5.75	1.6	0.81

SALTBURN GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.0	4.88	1.68	0.48
February	5.5	6.61	2.33	1.24
March	5.7	8.18	2.84	1.25
April	5.9	8.33	1.98	1.17
May	4.9	8.43	2.99	1.07
June	5.5	7.15	1.32	0.68
July	Gauge Damaged			
August	Gauge Damaged			
September	Gauge Damaged			
October	5.2	9.88	0.44	1.55
November	5.5	6.68	3.64	0.38
December	6.0	11.26	3.22	0.70
Average	5.5	7.93	2.27	9.4

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
MARSKE SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	212	38	112.94
February	179	21	85.63
March	149	4	37.18
April	79	3	37.9
May	50	2	28.7
June	23	6	15.76
July	29	1	10.22
August	38	5	16.55
September	73	10	24.76
October	59	5	22.83
November	96	18	50.7
December	268	19	84.11

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
SALTBURN SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	211	5	114.6
February	239	5	88.55
March	183	14	51.16
April	73	6	31.65
May	55	13	30.6
June	32	4	13.47
July	39	1	22.55
August	39	7	17.67
September	38	4	22.94
October	124	11	54.73
November	132	24	62.74
December	243	21	90.68

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
MARSKE SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	116	22	34.5
February	134	14	66.78
March	69	14	36.12
April	72	15	43.24
May	102	9	38.5
June	75	13	38.24
July	84	10	40.77
August	41	13	22.94
September	87	13	37.57
October	105	24	50.22
November	99	30	58.43
December	124	23	56.67

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
SALTBURN SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	185	58	129.0
February	216	17	101.85
March	134	38	67.83
April	207	3	65.63
May	92	27	46.7
June	131	11	50.29
July	120	23	54.4
August	72	23	38.67
September	126	8	42.83
October	117	23	70.89
November	190	26	79.42
December	212	26	91.10

WIND RECORDS — TOTAL HOURS

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm	No Rec.
January	4	12	35	76	153	324	113	10	0	17
February	19	172	88	15	48	113	62	155	0	0
March	60	251	163	64	13	110	49	32	2	0
April	70	143	22	16	46	199	130	88	6	0
May	78	237	41	41	75	183	48	28	13	0
June	76	168	5	46	98	203	77	33	7	7
July	38	76	5	8	56	285	209	45	13	9
August	117	137	12	22	81	143	114	85	33	0
September	45	137	36	11	43	302	113	30	3	0
October	13	16	1	16	107	432	126	26	7	0
November	47	36	8	17	104	280	107	109	6	6
December	26	26	34	24	110	207	63	132	0	122
Average	4.9	1.17	3.82	2.9	7.7	23.1	1.0	6.4	7.0	1.2

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

HOUSING

During 1969 58 Council Houses, 10 Council Flats and 1 Prefab were allocated and 31 applicants for Elderly Persons Accommodation were re-housed.

During the year 40 applications were received from tenants for exchanges of Council houses and 29 exchanges took place. Eight applications were received for permission to take lodgers and all were approved by the Council.

WARDEN SERVICES TO ELDERLY PERSONS ACCOMMODATION

There are 8 wardens employed by the Council in connection with groups of elderly persons' bungalows and flats. This scheme is worked under the grant aid scheme of the North Riding County Council of up to £30 per head for each person eligible for Warden Service. Housing accommodation is provided for every Warden and an intercommunication system is installed in every elderly persons accommodation, so that they have direct contact with the Warden.

This service has proved very satisfactory and the elderly people are very happy with it. The Wardens carry out their work in a very satisfactory manner and have been of great help to the occupants of the accommodation.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS ACT, 1958 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959, HOUSING ACT 1961 AND HOUSING ACT 1964 AND HOUSING ACT 1969.

Three applications were received for Discretionary Grants during the year and these were approved by the Council.

THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING ACT, 1961 and HOUSING ACT 1964 AND HOUSING ACT 1969.

Six applications for Standard Grants were received and 7 approved by the Council during the year. The number of amenities provided was as follows:

Baths	5
Wash-hand basins	5
Hot Water Supplies	17
Water Closets inside Dwellings	6
Ventilated Food Stores	3

The total amount of Grants paid by the Council during 1969 was as follows:

Discretionary Grants	£540 18s. 9d.
Standard Grants	£1,252 16s. 6d.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of Houses completed in 1969:—

(a) Council	42
(b) Other	210

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee and Councillors for supporting me in my work during the year, and the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. P. S. R. Burrell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., for the encouragement and advice he has given me during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, Officials and Staff of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
N. R. DARLING,
Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer.